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PRELIMINARY COMMUNICATION

Sir:

This application is a division of U.S. patent application S/N 08/952,743 entitled "Lossless Coding Method For Waveform Data" by Peter Graham Craven and Michael Anthony Gerzon (referred to herein as the "Parent Application"). The Parent Application is a national-stage counterpart to international patent application no. PCT/GB96/01164 filed under the Patent Cooperation Treaty, publication no. WO 96/37048 (referred to herein as the "PCT Application").

During prosecution of the Parent Application, an Office Action mailed December 19, 2001 indicated the claims were subject to an election requirement. The list of claims in that Office Action omitted some claims and included some claims in more than one group. The Examiner indicated in telephone conversations on January 7-8, 2002 that he had intended to impose a restriction requirement rather than an election requirement with the claims grouped as follows:

Group	Claims
I	1-18, 33, 35, 38
II	19-21, 31, 32, 34, 41, 42, 45-48, 59-64
III	36, 37
IV	39
V	40
VI	43, 44
VII	49-52, 54-56, 58
VIII	53, 57

Applicants responded by electing the claims of Group II without traverse. Claims 1-18 and 31-64 were canceled and new claims 65-78 were added. Applicants now file this divisional application for some of the non-elected claims.

The undersigned attorney did not prosecute the PCT Application or the Parent Application and has only a partial record of what transpired during the prosecution of those application. He has not been able to determine with certainty exactly what claims were pending in the Parent Application at the time it entered the national stage but he has obtained a file showing the claims that were subjected to the restriction requirement. For this reason, the claims in this divisional application have been submitted directly rather than establishing them by preliminary amendment.

Claims 1-33 are submitted in this divisional application. The claims have been amended but they correspond to the set of claims as restricted in the Parent Application as follows:

Parent Application	Divisional Application
1-18	1-18
33-35	19-21
37	22, 23
38	24
40	25
49	26
51-57	27-33

Respectfully submitted,

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